

stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Navy SEAL Ryan Parrott of Allen, Texas.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Ryan "Birdman" Parrott enlisted in the U.S. Navy after watching the Twin Towers fall on September 11, 2001. Ryan served eight years as a Navy SEAL, attached to Team Seven. During his time in service, he completed three combat tours in Iraq prior to being assigned to Advanced Training Command as an instructor. In 2005, his life would forever change. While manning a gun turret of a Humvee in enemy territory, his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. Parrott was thrown from the vehicle and along with his teammates, suffered devastating burns and a long road to recovery.

For his actions, Parrott was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/Combat "V", Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Army and Navy Commendation Medals, and a Purple Heart.

After his discharge, Ryan moved to Dallas and after connecting with other veterans who suffered similar injuries, he established Sons of the Flag in order to support those in the military community, first responders, and civilians suffering from traumatic burns. Under his leadership, the organization has raised more than \$5 million to assist burn victims and provide medical fellowships to facilitate research, development, and treatment. Ryan is also the Founder of the Bird's Eye View Project which leverages extreme sports to raise awareness for the extreme needs of veterans and first responders.

Ryan and his wife, Vlada, are the proud parents of two sons named after the couple's grandfathers, who also served in the military. Navy SEAL Ryan "Birdman" Parrott is a shining example of how he has used adversity to serve the community, particularly those who have experienced life altering injuries, as he empower others to lead a life on mission.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Mr. Parrott for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the month of October as National Women's Small Business Month and recognize the accomplishments and impact of our women entrepreneurs and business owners across the country.

While women-owned businesses have faced setbacks due to the pandemic, they remain the fastest growing segment of our economy.

Black and Brown women entrepreneurs are the main drivers of this growth, even though they are far more likely to also be the primary breadwinners and caregivers for their families. We must continue to invest in and support women business owners, especially Black and Brown women business owners, as we begin our economic recovery.

I also want to recognize the 136 Women Business Centers nationwide, such as the Great Lakes Women's Business Council which has done so much to support women-owned small businesses in my home state of Michigan. In addition, I want to recognize the U.S. Small Business Administration, which has continued to provide resources to women-owned businesses in their 68 district offices. My district is fortunate to host the U.S. Small Business Administration's Michigan district office. Businesses that have received support from these institutions are far more likely to succeed, and when women succeed, America succeeds.

As we mark National Women's Small Business Month, on behalf of the United States of America, I salute all the women business owners and women entrepreneurs for their vital contributions to our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. JAMES CHARLIE LANE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Mr. James Charlie Lane of White Pine, Tennessee. J.C. was born on April 30, 1920 and celebrated his 101st birthday on April 30, 2021.

He was a Veteran of WWII and served in the Navy from March 1941 to August 1946. From 1940 to March 1941, he was an employee of the Civilian Conservation Corps in both Unicoi and the Sugarlands in his birth county, Sevier County.

He volunteered and joined the Navy in March 1941 and was assigned to the USS *Albatross*, where he would qualify as an electrician and would eventually be promoted to electrician first class. Volunteering for a new ship that was commissioned, he became a "plank owner" on the *Wasp* by being one of the original crewmen. By 1944, the *Wasp's* battles would include the islands of Marcus, Wake, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte Gulf and the Japanese homeland. He arrived in Hawaii and then went to the Marshall Islands in May and saw his first action in the Marshall Islands as part of Admiral Halsey's fast carrier fleet at the Marianas. During his time in the Navy, he saw action in the European Theater, to the African Coast, to the Pacific Theater in the Philippines and the five-week long battle for Iwo Jima. His military service went on until almost a year after Armistice Day when Japan formally surrendered as his ship brought soldiers back from Italy and England. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer.

Upon returning to Tennessee, he settled in Sevier County for a short period, then upon getting a job at American Enka, he moved to White Pine in 1951. He retired from American Enka after thirty-six years.

J.C.'s legacy of love includes his marriage to his wife, Ruth, of forty-nine years until she passed in July 1992, and his children who are so proud of his service, Rita Lane Potter, and Betty Jo Lane Moore. He has three grandchildren and four great grandsons.

Madam Speaker, James Charles Lane faithfully served his country under the most difficult situations possible and as a WWII Veteran and member of the United States Navy, and I proudly honor his legacy and service to the United States of America.

HONORING WWII VET NORVIN D. MCCLURE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Norvin D. McClure of Fort Wayne.

Our Nation owes Norvin a tremendous debt of gratitude for his service to our country in the United States Army during World War II. Serving in an Engineer Combat Battalion in the European Theatre, his sacrifices were critical to the defense of our homeland, of Europe and to the security and prosperity of millions.

Most notably, Norvin's service earned him the French Legion of Honor award, the highest distinction awarded by France. Established by Napoleon in 1804, the Legion of Honor, known as Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur, is awarded only to the most exceptional of soldiers who served in defense of the French Republic. As a combat engineer, Norvin was charged with one of the most perilous tasks of any soldier during the war: removing mines and booby traps left behind by a retreating fanatical Wehrmacht. But for Norvin and his heroic actions, many more Americans would have been killed and the Allied advance across Western Europe would have been even more difficult and deadly than it was.

Norvin's unit continued into Germany, and then Austria, where it remained involved in combat operations until the end of the war in Europe in May 1945. Norvin returned to Indiana, raised five children with his wife, Maryann, and became a Locomotive Engineer, a job he had for 44 years. I'm proud to extend my regards to him. On behalf of Congress, let me say: we hope Norvin's heart is filled with joy knowing he has experienced our country's greatest blessings, including the affection of family, friends, and a grateful Nation, over a long and well-lived life.

May God Bless Norvin, and may God Bless the United States.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN CAMPBELL, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor fifteen distinguished military veterans from Texas' Third Congressional

District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Lieutenant General John Campbell of McKinney, Texas.

A native of Henderson, Kentucky, Lieutenant General John Campbell was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC in 1969 while at the University of Kentucky. For the next three decades, Campbell served with distinction in unique assignments which took him all over the world, including serving as the first F-15 instructor pilot with the Royal Saudi Air Force, as the Commander of the 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron based at Keflavik Naval Air Station in Iceland, and as the Commander of the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy during Operation DENY FLIGHT, the air policing of the Balkans. While serving in the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Campbell was appointed as the first Commander of what later became known as the U.S. Cyber Command. In 2000, he would assume his final military assignment, serving as the Associate Director of Central Intelligence for the CIA at Langley where he was credited with the development of one of the most effective counterterrorism programs in government.

General Campbell earned numerous military and intelligence community awards, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster, NATO Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the CIA's Distinguished Intelligence Medal, to name just a few.

In 2012, General Campbell, or "Soup" as he is widely known by, and his wife of fifty years, Marky, relocated to McKinney. Campbell wasted no time in forming deep roots within the community, holding positions as the President of the Air Force Association, Board of Directors for Smiles Charity, director of the veterans ministry in his church, and serving within his homeowners association. John and Murky are the proud parents to three children, Rachel, Elizabeth and Matthew, as well as five grandchildren. General Campbell is the epitome of a servant leader who has used his many experiences to the betterment of his fellow man.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Lieutenant General Campbell for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

TECHNIQUES LLC

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Techniques LLC for earning the City of Northglenn's Large Business of the Year Award.

The Large Business of the Year Award is given to a large business that has made outstanding contributions for the betterment of the community. Since the 1970's, Techniques has been an esteemed provider of high precision machined components and assemblies, serving industries ranging from aerospace to dental. With decades of experience and a loyal clientele, Techniques is known for exceeding expectations and needs.

Congratulations to Techniques LLC for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.

CELEBRATING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, each year our country recognizes October as Filipino American History Month, a time for all Americans to celebrate the incredible past, present and future of our fellow citizens whose heritage lies in the great country of the Philippines.

I am especially humbled to do so as the Representative of Hawaii's First Congressional District, where some 195,000 Filipino Americans live, more than any other of our 435 districts throughout the country. With Hawaii's Second Congressional District with the second largest Filipino Americans population, at about 175,000, our Fil-Am community in Hawaii stands at 370,000. In total, fully a quarter of all Hawaii residents are Filipino Americans, by far the largest percentage of any state or territory.

We observe Filipino American History Month in October because the first recorded arrival of Filipinos in the continental United States took place on October 18, 1587, when the "Luzones Indios" came ashore from the Manila-built galleon Nuestra Señora de Esperanza in Morro Bay, California. And in 1906, 115 years ago, the first fifteen sakada (contract laborers) arrived in Honolulu from the Philippines aboard the SS Doric, marking the first sustained immigration into our country and the humble beginnings of Fil-Ams in Hawaii. Today our Fil-Am community numbers some four million throughout our country, now the second largest of our Asian American groups.

Hawaii Fil-Ams in particular have been trailblazers in politics and government, the military, business and entrepreneurship, journalism, popular culture, music and the arts and more.

Peter Aduja became the first Fil-Am elected to public office in the United States when he was elected to the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives in 1954.

Alfred Laureta became the first-ever federal judge of Filipino ancestry. He was born in

'Ewa, graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and was later nominated and confirmed by our own Senator Daniel Inouye in July 1978.

Benjamin Menor became the first Fil-Am higher court judge as associate justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court.

Ben Cayetano was the first Filipino American governor of a state in our union.

Major General Antonio Taguba was the second Filipino American promoted to general officer rank in the United States Army.

Eddie Flores Jr. bought the first L&L Drive-Inn on Liliha Street in Honolulu in 1976, turning it into a national franchise.

Carolina Dizon Wong was the first Filipino American woman to obtain an M.D. degree.

Ines Cayaban was the first Filipino American graduate of the School of Public Health, Nursing and Social Work at the University of Hawaii. She received the prestigious Jefferson Award in 1986 for her service to Hawaii.

Francisco Flores Trinidad Jr., of Honolulu, better known by his pen name "Corky," was an award-winning editorial cartoonist of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin who became the first Asian editorial cartoonist syndicated in the U.S.

A loyal veteran of the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment that fought alongside our troops in the Philippines during World War II, Domingo Los Banos was Hawaii's first Filipino American school principal.

Roy Macaraeg became the first Fil-Am to become a general officer in the history of Hawaii's citizen soldier ranks.

In Hawaii, we also regularly honor the over 250,000 Filipinos who answered the call to protect and defend America and the Philippines in the Pacific theater. In 2016, President Obama signed into law the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act to bestow Congress's highest honor upon those veterans.

Each and all of these lives of achievement are but a small sampling of a broader community that has achieved so much and contributed so much to the rich fabric of our country. And the story of Filipino Americans is still in its early chapters.

Why, however, is it important that we take the time to recognize groups like Filipino Americans? To that, I respond that the story of Filipino Americans, and to an extent, the stories of all of our various ethnic groups, is the story of America. From very humble beginnings, they have risen through hard work, sacrifice, commitment to advancing the next generations and mutual support to achieve so much already. That well describes Filipino Americans overall, that and embracing the responsibilities and opportunities of America while honoring and treasuring the rich heritage of their ancestral homeland.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen the ways that Asian Americans, including Filipino Americans, have been disproportionately affected by health and social situations. Filipino American nurses, despite making up just 4 percent of the nurse workforce, have accounted for about 25 percent of COVID-19 related deaths among all nurses. This is telling sign of the sacrifices they are making for our country.

Sadly, this community is not receiving the respect it deserves and facing senseless discrimination. As of August of this year, more than 9,000 Anti-Asian incidents have been reported since the pandemic began, with many